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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

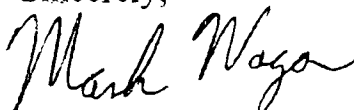
I think the federal government never should have filed the lawsuit against Microsoft. At this stage in the proceedings, however, I think it is in everyone's best interest that the case is settled. It is a shame that the remaining plaintiff states have not joined in the settlement efforts.

The concessions Microsoft has made are more than reasonable. Microsoft has agreed to disclose portions of its code to its competitors. They have agreed to establish a uniform price list for computer manufacturers. They have agreed to make it easier for servers to interoperate with one another. They have agreed not to take actions against computer manufacturers who install the competition's software on their computers. All of these concessions amount to establishing fair competition for other software companies.

The settlement agreement should be approved, and the federal government should take no further action in this case.

The Clinton Administration should have never initiated this suit. They were totally anti-business and their motives were entirely political!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Wagoner".

Mark Wagoner